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WE WISH TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE REFERENCED
AIRGRAM WHICH IS A PROVINCIAL OVERVIEW OF THE PARLIA-
MENTARY CAMPAIGN IN CENTRAL THAILAND (POUCH NO. X331998).
IT CONCLUDES THAT IT IS A LITTLE EARLY TO DISCERN ANY TRENDS.
OUR TRAVELS THROUGH THESE PROVINCES LEAVE A CALICO IMPRESSION
OF TOUGH CAMPAIGNING IN SOME PLACES AND DECEPTIVE CALMNESS
IN OTHERS. SINCE THE CAMPAIGN WILL NOT PEAK FOR SEVERAL MORE
WEEKS, IT APPEARS THAT MOST CAMPAIGNERS WERE IN THE
EARLY STAGES OF THEIR APPEALS. WHILE SOME GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE SPOKE THOUGHT THAT VETERAN
PARLIAMENTARIANS WOULD WIN THEIR RACES, OTHERS THOUGHT
THAT THE HIGHER CALIBER OF THE CANDIDATES THIS YEAR MEANT
THAT NEW MEN HAD A RESPECTABLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS. AS
A FURTHER ASSIST TO NEWCOMERS, THERE WILL BE 68
PARLIAMENTARY SEATS FROM CENTRAL THAILAND IN THE 1975
PARLIAMENT VERSUS ONLY 55 IN 1969.

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